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Dear Ms. Hesse,

As a former Special Assistant to the Secretary of the United States Department of Labor, I am very aware of the challenges government faces in trying deal effectively with American businesses and the American workforce. One cause of unemployment for the American workforce is the threat and actual filing of lawsuits against which American business must defend itself.

The federal government's case against Microsoft should be ended at this point in time. Both parties have agreed to a settlement. This settlement would mean the end of costly litigation for Microsoft. That's good news for American workers who have lost their jobs in this recession. You see, the less resources that Microsoft and other major corporate leaders have to invest in legal defense, the more funds they have available for research, development and, above all, job creation.

Many people in the region in which I reside have lost their jobs. Many families are hurting. At this crucial stage in both our local and national economy, it is imperative that business and government work together. The perception that business and government have a constructive partnership will encourage investment and foster innovation among American industry.

These two components mean more jobs for American workers. Judge Kollar-Kotelly should approve the Microsoft settlement, for American workers' sake.

Sincerely,


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